

Broad Implementation: Expanding A Successful Model of Fully Virtual Professional Learning | 2115229

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Project Description

ACRES is a free, virtual coaching program that builds knowledge and skills so that afterschool educators, librarians and anyone who works with youth in OST can confidently facilitate STEM experiences. We also train leaders in the OST field to become ACRES coaches.

Key Achievements

- **Accomplishments:** Trained 70 coaches across 34 states. Over 800 educators trained in STEM facilitation skills. Nearly 100% of educators, when interviewed 6 months later, can articulate use of ACRES skills in practice.
- **Learning:** Challenges to accommodating diverse needs & talents of coaches in making culturally responsive adaptations to ACRES delivery

Audience & Settings

Audience: Afterschool Educators and Leaders

Disciplinary area:
STEM, coaching

Learning environment:

Afterschool and Out-of-School Programs across the country

Access and Inclusion

We work with networks across the country to strategically recruit educators and coaches from both rural and urban areas and from cultural backgrounds that reflect the afterschool population.

We provide coaches with strategies for purposeful recruitment to bring in educators who otherwise would not have access to high-quality STEM facilitation coaching.

Twice annually we engage coaches in “storyshare sessions” to discuss strategies for using ACRES in ways that are responsive to the educators and youth in their region.

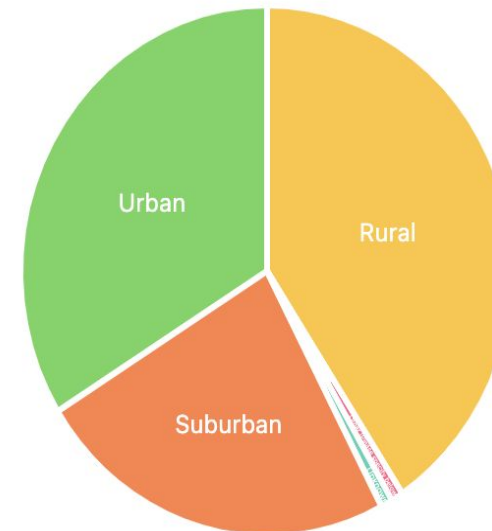
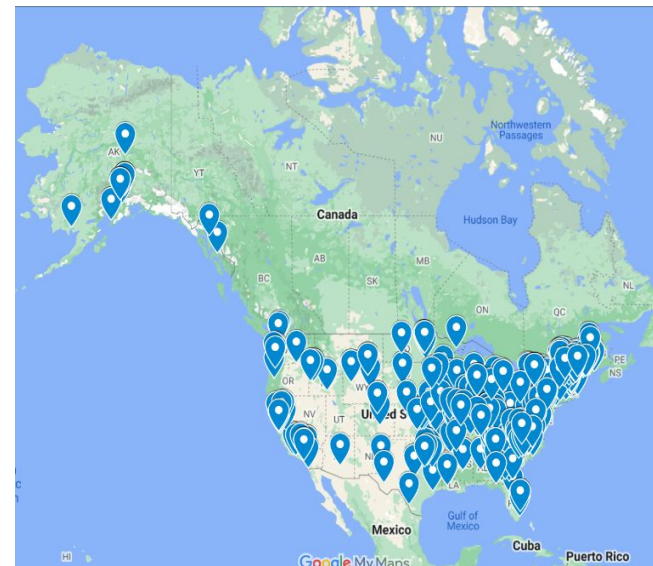
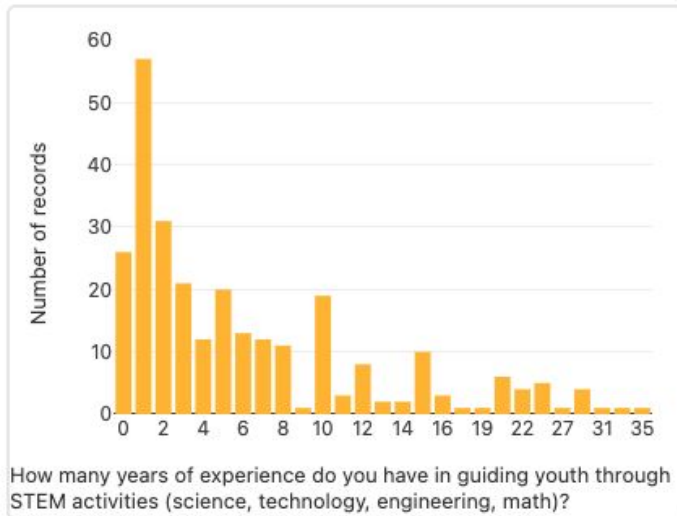


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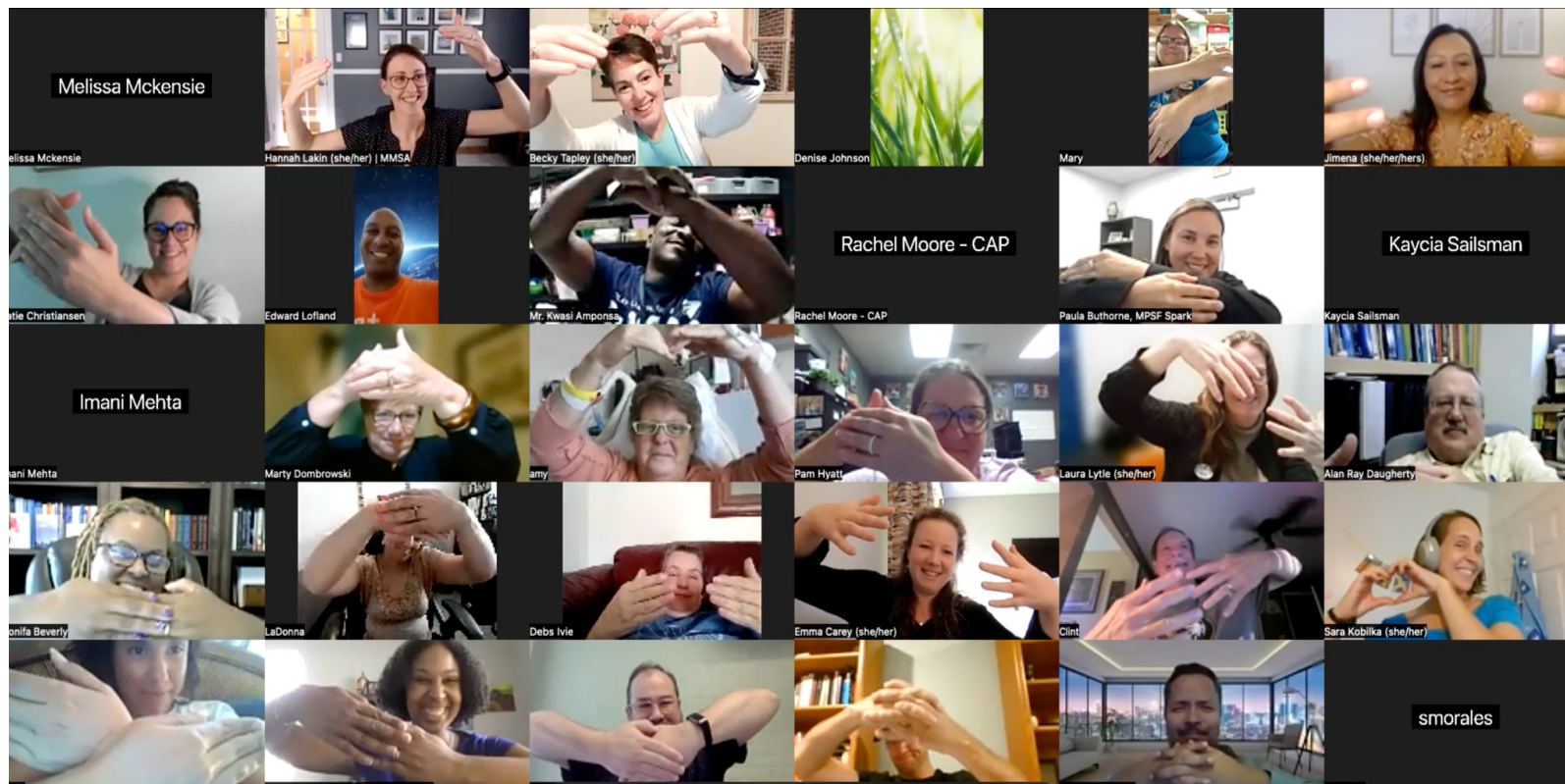
Who are ACRES educators?



ACRES Participants serve youth in programs such as

- ▶ Boys and Girls Clubs
- ▶ Scouts
- ▶ YMCAs
- ▶ Afterschool Programs
- ▶ Robotics Programs
- ▶ Science Olympiad
- ▶ Teen Centers
- ▶ Local Library Programs
- ▶ Science Centers
- ▶ Museums
- ▶ Summer Camps
- ▶ and more

- Diverse in STEM experience
- Nationally-representative
- Diverse in community served
- OST programmatically representative



ACRES is about more than the individual educator or coach. We strive to cultivate and maintain a supportive community that learns from one another's differences in experience, talents, and community affiliations.